Fourth Annual Report

OF THE

SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS.

Founded July 15th, 1911,

— BY —

GERTRUDE EATON AND MARION M. SCOTT.

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1915-16.

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THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS.

REPORT of the COUNCIL of the Society of Women Musicians for the year ending July, 1915.

THE COUNCIL of the Society of Women Musicians has much pleasure in submitting the fourth Annual Report of the Society's work. The number of Members at the end of the Society's year was 164, and of Associates 18, making a total of 182.

As a result of the war, which has cast so heavy a weight of distress and sorrow upon our country, there has been a certain number of resignations. But it must be regarded as a proof of the vitality and usefulness of the Society that, nevertheless, the number of new Members has been so satisfactory, that the Society has suffered only a diminution of 22.

The Society deeply regrets to record that Mr. Denis Browne (Associate) was killed in action in the Dardanelles on June 7th, and that Mr. Falkner Lee (Associate) has been invalided home from the Western Front.

The events of the year have been as follows: The Annual General Meeting on November 25th, 1914, when the usual business was transacted. On the same day, earlier in the afternoon, an Extraordinary Meeting was held in order to ascertain whether, in view of the state of national affairs, it was the wish of the majority of Members that the Society should continue as usual. After ample discussion of various alternatives, the Meeting enthusiastically voted that the Society should continue as before. Several members having expressed the opinion that a fixed date would help in securing better attendance at meetings, it was resolved to hold one meeting a month, on the third Saturday. It has given the Council great satisfaction to note the increased interest taken by members in the meetings arranged on this plan, at all of which there has been a greatly increased attendance.

The Saturday Meetings took place as follows:—

On January 16th the programme was arranged by Madame Elsie Horne, assisted by Miss Ethel Uhlhorn Zillhardt and Miss Ethel Bilsland.

On February 20th Miss Jessie Grimson arranged the programme, assisted by Mrs. Stansfield Prior and Miss Alice Hare.

On March 20th a programme of Folk-Songs, arranged as part-songs for female voices by Marion Scott, Katharine Eggar, Lewis Carey, Elsie Horne and Mabel Saumarez-Smith, was rendered by a small choir under the direction of Miss Lucie Johnstone. Miss Katharine Eggar and Miss Stella Fife also assisted, and Miss Hilda Moon was at the piano.

On April 17th a most delightful Lecture on Russian Folk-Songs was given by Mr. Kerridge (Guest). Numerous illustrations in Russian were rendered by Mrs. Hansen (Guest) with great simplicity and charm.

No meeting was held in May on account of the British Musical Festival falling on the third Saturday.

On June 19th a programme of old French and English music was given by Madame Lily Henkel and Miss Cicely Trask, assisted by Miss Helen Gough, Miss Evelyn Hunter and the late Mr. Harry Alexander (Guest).

The Society has to thank Mr. Thomas Dunhill (Associate) for his kindness in devoting the programme of one of his Chamber Concerts to works by Composer Members of the Society. The Concert took place at the Steinway Hall on March 9th, and the programme included:—

A Serenade for String Quartet and Piano by Ethel Bilsland.

Soprano Songs by Adela Hamaton and Isabel Hearne.

Three Violin Solos on the G string by Marion Scott.

Selections from Song Cycle, "In Memoriam," by Liza Lehmann, for which the composer added string parts.

Tenor Songs by Mabel Saumarez-Smith and Dora White.

Quintet for Piano and Strings by Katharine Eggar.

The Society felt particularly happy in thus co-operating with their first Associate in his now famous Chamber Concerts.

During April the Choir of the Society was re-established. It has the good fortune to be under the honorary conductorship of Mr. Harold Darke (Associate, Mus. Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O.), and has every prospect of a very successful future. It has already given concerts at Military Hospitals. For particulars apply to Miss Gertrude Eaton.

On Friday and Saturday, July 2nd and 3rd, at the Women's Institute, the fourth Composers' Conference took place. On Friday evening Miss Lucie Johnstone gave the Society "A few suggestions on the Contralto Voice and how to write for it," which even those members who do not possess contralto voices and do not compose for them, found most interesting and humorous. This was followed by a paper read by Mrs. E. L. Voynich, on "What place is there in Modern Composition for Modal Polyphony." Her definition of pure polyphony was "persuading mutually independent tunes to dwell together in unity." This paper was extremely learned and of great interest to those who were sufficiently instructed to appreciate it.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. H. C. Colles, Mus. Bac. Oxon., delivered an address on a subject of profound interest to all English musicians—"Music after the War." He hoped that after the present ordeal the spiritual life of this country would find a truly British musical utterance, and expressed the conviction that far the most important work would be done by individual sincerity and effort rather than by State support. The discussion which followed was so engrossing that it was resumed with unabated interest after an adjournment for tea.

It had been intended to give a Public Concert in conjunction with the Committee for Music in War-time, and arrangements were carried to the extent of engaging the Æolean Hall, and selecting the programme and artistes. The Council with very greatest reluctance ultimately decided to abandon the undertaking, feeling that the continued grave conditions of public and private affairs rendered such a scheme unsuitable.

The **Advisory Section** continues in operation for the benefit of those Members who desire to avail themselves of it. The Hon. Advisors are as follows:—

Miss Evangeline Florence Miss Lucie Johnstone Madame Agnes Larkcom	For the Voice.
Madame Alma Haas Mrs. Norman O'Neill Miss Annie Weston	For Pianoforte.
Miss May Mukle Miss Marion Scott Miss Rosabel Watson	For Stringed Instruments
Mr. Thomas Dunhill Miss Katharine Eggar Miss Adela Hamaton	For Composition.

Miss Gertrude Eaton has consented to act as Hon. Secretary of the Advisory Section *pro tem*: Members wishing for advice should apply to her, by letter, at the Women's Institute, 92, Victoria Street, S.W.

The Hon. Librarian Miss Hilda Moon, attends at the Women's Institute on Tuesdays, from 4 to 6. Members are reminded that the Society has a subscription to Messrs. Chester's Library, and that music may be borrowed from there through the Hon. Librarian of the S.W.M. Besides the music in the Society's own **Library**, the following books may be borrowed or used for reference at the Institute, viz:—

Groves Dictionary of Music (for reference only).
(Gift of Lady St. David)

8 volumes of Die Musik (in German)

Mr. Dunhill's "Chamber Music" (Given by the Author).

Mr. Jas. Lyons' Practical Guide to Modern Orchestra.
(Given by the Author)

Mr. Montague Nathan's History of Russian Music.
(Given by the Author)

Mr. Plunket Greene's "Interpretation in Song."
(Presented by Mrs. Macmillan)

Mr. Barrett's "English Songs and Part Songs.
(Presented by Miss P. Barrett)

Miss I. Hearne's "Queen Herzeleid" and "Veritable Mirror of Destiny." (Presented by the Author)

N.B.—Each request for music or books must be accompanied by 6d. in stamps, to cover postal expenses.

Any gifts of standard books or music would be welcomed.

Members may also borrow books from the Library of the Women's Institute.

The Council desire to record a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Gladys Raymond for her year's work as Hon. Secretary; also to Miss Isobel Gillies and Miss Hilda Moon for their work in the Library; to Miss Eleanor Shaw for her help with tickets, and to all the Members and Associates who have taken part in the Meetings. They also desire to express their warmest thanks to Miss McCroben, the Staff and Pupils of the Women's Institute for their unfailing help and courtesy, both in clerical work and in arrangements for the Meetings.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS.

Dr. — *RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended June 30th, 1915.* — *Cr.*

		£	s.	d.
To Members' Subscriptions		34	5	0
„ Associates' Subscriptions		1	15	0
„ Choir Fees		3	5	0
„ Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1914	£41 8 2			
Less Petty Cash due to the Hon. Secretary ...	1 8 3½			
		39	19	10½
		£79	4	10½

		£	s.	d.
By Concert Expenses (Advertising Chamber Concert and Deposit for Hire of Hall)		9	1	0
„ Fees for Concert and Lecture ...		11	11	0
„ Choir Expenses		4	7	0
„ Printing and Stationery		10	7	2
„ Miscellaneous Expenses—				
Sub. to Lending Library,	£2 2 0			
Sundry Expenses (including Sub. 10/6 to Womens' Institute	1 2 2			
		3	4	2
„ Postages and Telegrams		6	13	5½
„ Travelling			11	5
„ Bank Charges			13	3
„ Audit Fee		1	1	0
„ Entertainments		3	13	1
		51	2	6½
„ Balance at Bank ...	£28 3 3			
Less Petty Cash due to the Hon. Secretary ...	11			
		28	2	4
		£79	4	10½

92, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.
July 20th, 1915.

Audited and found correct,
(Signed) B. SEWART, *Accountant.*

ORIGINAL OFFICERS AND COUNCIL
for the Society's first year,
1911 - 1912.

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Hon. Secretary for Advisory Section and Choir: Miss GERTRUDE EATON.

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Mrs. Fyffe, work for Scottish Hospitals
Miss C. Bailey, Hospital work in France
Miss Gladys O'Rourke, Hospital work in France

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Music.

Miss Marion Scott, "Music in War-time Committee."
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Miss Amy Sargent raised over £200 for Barge Hospital in Belgium by giving Concerts
Miss Lucie Johnstone
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Miss Cicely Trask
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Mrs. Stannard, Prof. Classes War Relief Fund, Tipperary Club
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Miss Katharine Eggar
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Miss Dorothy Platt (Geographical work for Admiralty)
Miss Helen Torrens

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Miss H. Batchelor

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Mr. Denis Browne, killed in action.
,, Falkner Lee, invalided in Flanders.
,, Ernest Groom.
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,, H. Bedford, Anti-Aircraft Service.
,, Robert Virgoe, ,, ,,
,, Sydney Shimmin, R.A.M.C.
,, Ivor Gurney, 2nd Gloucester Regiment.
,, Somerled Macdonald.